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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: March 6, 2008

SUBJECT: **STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2008**

The purpose of this LTC is to provide the Mayor and City Commission with the monthly report on state legislative issues, for February 2008. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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MEMORANDUM

T0: Mayor Matti Bower
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City of Miami Beach

VIA: E-mail to Kevin Crowder

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DATE: February 27, 2008

SUBJECT: **February 2008 Monthly Report**

Political Issues

On February 26 voters in House District 32, which covers parts of Brevard and Orange Counties, chose Tony Sasso, Democratic candidate to replace Republican Representative Allen. Sasso beat Republican candidate Sean Campbell by a narrow 47.7% to 45.8%.

Congressman Weldon has chosen not to run for reelection in the 15th District. State Senator Posey has been endorsed by Weldon and Senator Haridopolos.

Legislative Issues

Property Insurance

On Friday, February 8, 2008, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer presented CFO Sink's position regarding the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF) and the risk associated with it during a House workshop in the Committee on Insurance. The position of the CFO, that the State is overexposed under the current plan and that the Legislature needs to act to reduce the risk of assessments on Floridians and businesses in a reasonable manner, was heard prior to workshopping a bill that incorporates the CFO's suggestions and could potentially reduce the state's risk.

Of interest to the City, the plan includes moving the FHCF under the State Board of Administration and maintains the three optional coverages enacted in HB1-A from the 2007 session, but amends the Temporary Increase in Coverage Limits (TICL). With regard to TICL, the plan does not change the expiration of the option (which is set at 2009), but rather reduces the TICL coverage available from \$12 billion to \$9 billion, resulting in \$3 billion less in risk exposure annually. Additionally, the plan requires the FHCF to reimburse insurers selecting TICL coverage for 70 percent of its losses rather than allowing the insurer to choose to be reimbursed 45, 75, or 90 percent of its losses.

The FHCF estimates that this proposal could reduce FHCF assessments by \$200 million annually in the event of a storm or series of storms that caused insurance to make claims from the TICL coverage.

City-wide Wireless Network

At this time, there is no proposed legislation which would interfere with the City's ability to continue its city-wide wireless project.

Protection of Ocean Lifeguards

Senate Bill 278 by Rich and House Bill 87 by Luis Garcia have been filed to enhance penalties imposed for assault and battery on a lifeguard. In Senate Committee, Senate Bill 278 was amended to include all lifeguards, not just ocean lifeguards. We have spoke to Representative Adams who is the Committee Chair for the first reference for HB 87. She said the committee would hear the bill.

Local Authority

The following bills have been filed which place restrictions on the City's ability to rule:

- SB 90 and SB 1378 prohibit the County or City from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits the display of the United States flag.

- HB 101 eliminates the prohibition of breed-specific local government regulation of dangerous dogs.
- HB 181 and SB 392 requires the Department of State to create and manage a website disclosing spending by state and local government entities. The House Bill has passed one committee of reference.
- SB 322 specifies standards of conduct for officers and employees of political subdivisions.
- HB 345, HB 967 and SB 652, create a task force on work force safety for the purpose of developing recommendations regarding ways the state and local governments can comply with certain parts of OSHA.
- SB 388, HBs 73, 571, 577, 821, 159 and SBs 540 and 1086 provide that by July 1, 2009, no public employer shall enter into contracts for services within the state if the contractor is not registered and participating in a federal work authorization program.
- SB 518 and HB 977 require that public transit providers give drivers or operators a paid 10 minute restroom break each four hour period.
- SB 652 and SB 2050 require that notice be provided no less than 90 days before the effective date of a county or municipal ordinance or a special district resolution imposing a new or increased impact fee.
- HB 683 and SB 2148 provides the requirements for local governments to competitively award contracts for certain construction projects.
- HB 711 and SB 1202 provides for accessible parking spaces for person who require extra space to exit from or enter motor vehicles.
- HB 715 requires a super majority vote for actions by a local government to levy new, increase existing, expand base or area subject to, or eliminate exemptions from taxes, special assessments, non-ad valorem assessments or impact fees.
- SB 794 and HB 573 prohibit charging an operator for cost associated with premarking an excavation site.
- HB 795 and SB 1210 requires that each government entity that creates a special district is responsible for examination of the charter every 10 years.
- SB 852 requires that local governments procure flags that are manufactured in the United States.
- HB 991 puts specific limitations and requirements on commission meetings in terms of decorum, request to address the commission, allocation of time for citizen participation, etc.
- HB 997 and SB 1694 would establish by rule educational and training criteria for the certification and recertification of 911 emergency dispatchers.
- SB 1528 provides for the dissolution of community redevelopment agencies within 15 years after creation.
- SB 1556 and HB 539 preempts local regulation of locksmith services.

Anchoring and Mooring

The team has been corresponding with Commissioner Tobin and City Attorney Jose Smith in regard to anchoring of vessels behind single-family homes. We now have language from the attorney and will be looking for a vehicle to amend.

Bert Harris

House Bill 881 and Senate Bill 1578 have been filed. The House Republican Caucus has named this as a session priority. As soon as we receive comments from the City Attorney's Office on the bill language, we will meet with sponsors. The LOC has not has a single response from members to a memo requesting comments so is not making this a priority.

Condominium Reform

We have arranged a meeting between Representative Robaina and Commissioner Weithorn to discuss her interest in condominium reform. The House Special Committee chaired by Representative Robaina is still meeting. In the meantime, several bills have been filed which address the issues - HB 995, HB 679, SB 679, SB 2086 and SB 2084. The team will meet with Representative Robaina regarding the three specific reforms listed in the legislative package.

SB 2086 by Senator Jones relating to Condominium Associations requires that hazard insurance be based upon the replacement cost of the property to be insured as determined by an independent insurance appraisal or update of a prior appraisal. The bill also requires that the full insurable value of the condominium be determined at least once every 36 months. The bill allows for self-insurance that complies with current ss. 624.406-624.488 requirements. The bill also states that the association can provide adequate hazard insurance coverage provided it is sufficient to cover the probable maximum loss for a 250-year windstorm event. That level of insurance would be determined through a component model and would have to be approved by OIR.

SB 2084 by Sen. Villalobos relating to condominiums is a bill that attempts to provide protections for condominium owners. Provisions of this bill that may be of interest to the City are as follows: requires that official records of the association be maintained for at least 5 years and be made available at certain locations, provides penalties for any officer who fails to create or maintain accounting records, restricts a condominium association from waiving a financial report for more than 2 years, prohibits votes allocated to units owned by the association from being cast by proxy for any purpose, requires the board to address agenda items proposed by a petition of 20% of the unit owners, requires that the annual meeting of the unit owners be held at the location provided in the association bylaws or in the state and within 30 miles of the condo property, provides that a person who has been convicted of a felony is not eligible for board membership, requires the preparation of an annual budget of estimated revenues and expenses, requires the board to have the condo buildings periodically inspected for structural and electrical

soundness by a professional engineer or professional architect registered in the state and requires the inspector to provide a report to the association and unit owners.

Convention Center Sales Tax Refund

No bills have been filed in regard to refunds. Considering the dismal state of the state budget, it is unlikely that any attention will be given to this issue.

Renewable Energy

The Legislature in both chambers has heard numerous presentations during interim committee meetings on various energy initiatives. The challenge this year will be providing funds for grants to promote the initiatives. The Governor's Energy and Climate Change Action Committee began its second year of deliberations to develop an action plan to achieve targets for statewide greenhouse gas reductions. The Governor released a greenhouse gas score card for state government which identifies the amount of greenhouse gases produced by state agencies during the 2006-2007 budget year. In the future, reports will be issued four times a year. Legislative priorities include the following: "Create Florida green government grants to provide incentives for local governments, including municipalities, counties and school districts to develop cost efficient solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve quality of life and strengthen Florida's economy." We have not seen any legislation as yet advocating that priority. We will continue to look for funding opportunities for the City in this regard.

Cellular Telephones

SB 680 prohibits the use of cell phones in school zones. It does not appear to have a House companion at this time. A number of other cell phone bills have been filed which include the following:

- HB 193 and SB 504 which restricts anyone under the age of 18 from using wireless devices while driving.
- SB 2042 prohibits a person with a learner driver license from using a cell phone while driving.

The Senate Transportation Committee conducted a workshop on these bills and will probably hear them in committee soon.

Equal Rights Amendment

HB 8001 and SB 362 are concurrent resolutions ratifying the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution relating to equal rights for men and women.

Water Safety

The team has been working with legislators and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission on a proposal to reduce the age of persons required to wear a life jacket/personal flotation device on a vessel less than 26 feet from under 6 years of age to those under 13 years of age. This would parallel the federal regulation. This will probably be in a committee bill which is not out as yet. However, several other bills have been filed relating to boating safety.

- SB 1546 requires that everyone on a boat less than 26 feet wear Coast Guard approved flotation devices
- SB 1192 and HB 1103 changes the age from 14 to 16 for those who are able to operate a personal watercraft.

Adoption

SB 200 and HB 45 have been filed and provide that a homosexual is eligible to adopt a child under certain circumstances, including but not limited to, if the child has resided with the person, the child's parents are deceased and the person proposing to adopt the child is the guardian. These bills have not been heard.

Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements

The City's request for a \$5 million appropriation for stormwater has been filed as a CBIR # 699 by Senator Margolis and #696 by Representative Gelber. There has been some talk about CBIRs not being funded or funding minimally this session. We will continue to work on the issue.

Historic Preservation

The City's request for \$35,000 for the preservation and enhancement of the City's archives has been filed as a CBIR #1056 by Senator Margolis and CBIR #1095 by Representative Luis Garcia. It is highly unlikely that this will be funded as it really fits into a historic preservation grant process and the Legislature usually frowns on going around that process.

Grants

The City's grants application for historic preservation in the amount of \$360,000 for the Miami Beach Community Church Sanctuary façade restoration is ranked 56 of 60 projects. The project list totals \$16.3 million. To fund item #55, the Legislature would have to appropriate \$14.6 million. That is a very high number for a difficult budget year.

On the list of recommended cultural facility grants, the New World Symphony Campus Expansion for \$500,000 is ranked 24 out of 41 projects. The entire list of 41 projects totals \$17.2 million. The 24th position is a tie among the New World Symphony, Sands Cedar Center in Volusia County and the St. Johns County Cultural Council.

State Budget Issues

The Governor released his budget earlier than expected. The \$70 billion budget uses reserves, "creative financing" and non-recurring funds for recurring expenses to fund existing new programs. Both House and Senate budget Chairs have warned that the budget they prepare will be leaner and not rely on non-recurring funds beyond the limits established in the State Constitution. Some items of interest to the City include the following:

- #1541 - \$30 million - Generators for emergency shelters
- #1671 - \$166 million - SHIP
- #1620 - \$75 million - Assistance first-time home buyers
- #1748 - \$20 million - Statewide beach restoration
- #1839 - \$6 million - FRDAP
- #1910 - \$20 million - Renewable energy grants
- \$20 million - Bio-fuel grants
- #2632 - \$200 million - Innovative incentives - OTTED
- #2644 - \$40 million - Film and entertainment
- #2649 - \$10 million - Economic development transportation project
- #3174 - \$30.6 million - Library grants
- Section 21 - \$7.9 million from 2006 federal hazard mitigation fund for generators in
special needs shelters
- Section 23 - Trust Fund Raid to General Revenue
 - Affordable Housing Local Government - \$169.5 million
 - SHIP - \$10.5 million
- Section 24 - \$3 million - FDLE Grants to Local Governments to combat gangs

The Statewide Beach Management Funding Program priority projects lists the Miami-Dade County Beach Renourishment at \$1 million. The funding is to be used to construct sand, back pass nourishment projects along 29th, 44th and 55th Streets in Miami Beach. The project lists no federal funding, \$1 million for state, and \$11,127,660 for local match. All the coastal communities are concerned that the cutback of \$10 million in the state budget funding recommended by the Governor, if adopted by the Legislature, and it looks like it will be, will not be a permanent change but rather a one-time solution to a bad budget year.

The Governor recommended \$40 million for the Film & Entertainment Incentive Program. That is \$15 million over last year's funding. Last year's funds were totally distributed leaving 9 productions on the waiting list. The new State Film Commissioner, Lucia Fishburn, assumed that position on Monday, February 25.

House Speaker Rubio is proposing low interest or no interest loans for homeowners who are insured with Citizens Property Insurance Corporation for hurricane mitigation. The House is also working on a proposal which would partner the state with the Home Depot. Home Depot

would offer homeowners a 36 month interest free loans of \$5,000 to harden their homes and the state would pick up the interest which would total about \$10 million.

Education

On Tuesday, January 22nd the House Committee on 21st Century Competitiveness took comments from the Florida School Boards Association, Inc., and the Florida Association of District School Superintendents regarding the implementation of the class size amendment. Both organizations believe, in line with the City's position, that the amendment should be fully funded. Among a variety of logistical recommendations to simplify the implementation of the amendment through statutory means, the organizations both believe that the local school boards and superintendents need additional flexibility in implementing the amendment. In line with the City's position, the two organizations believe the state needs to use its statutory authority to better define what constitutes a teaching unit and at what level the class size amendment must be balanced. For a variety of reasons the organizations advocate that the proper student to teacher ratio must be reached at a level higher than each individual classroom, and that a better solution would be reaching the proper ratio at the school or district level.

Legislative Bills

The following are bills we have added to the City's bills of interest since our January Report:

- SB 1118, Relating to Illegal Aliens
- SB 1192 , Relating to Personal Watercraft Safety
- SB 1202, Relating to Parking Spaces/Disabled Persons
- SB 1210, Relating to Special Districts/Charter Codification
- SB 1298, Relating to Submerged Lands/Surcharges
- SB 1302, Relating to Maintenance Dredging/Division of Beaches & Shores
- SB 1362, Relating to Affordable Housing Preservation
- SB 1408, Relating to Residential Tenancies/Domestic and Sexual Violence
- SB 1418, Relating to Taxes/Property Rental Fees and Admissions
- SB 1466, Relating to Construction Contracting
- SB1472, Relating to Emergency Preparedness
- SB 1490, Relating to Property Tax Exemption/Affordable Housing
- SB 1492, Relating to Discretionary Surtax on Documents
- SB 1502, Relating to Leased Property for Public Purposes
- SB 1510, Relating to Public Meetings and Records/Pending Litigation
- SB 1514, Relating to Taxpayer Rights/Property Appraiser's Assessment
- SB 1522, Relating to Real Property Assessments/Burden of Proof
- SB 1528, Relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies/Dissolution
- SB 1546, Relating to Personal Flotation Devices
- SB 1548, Relating to Property Appraisers

- SB 1556, Relating to Florida Locksmith Services Act
- SB 1578, Relating to Property Rights
- SB 1584, Relating to Property Taxation
- SB 1586, Relating to Taxation
- SB 1588, Relating to Property Tax Administration
- SB 1590, Relating to Taxation
- SB 1592, Relating Taxation
- SB 1594, Relating to General Tax Administration
- SB 1596, Relating to Taxation
- SB 1602, Relating to Sales and Use Tax
- SB 1634, Relating to Wastewater Management
- SB 1644, Relating to Transportation
- SB 1672, Relating to Beach Management
- SB 1688, Relating to Transportation
- SB 1694, Relating to 911 Emergency Dispatchers
- SB 1706, Relating to Developments of Regional Impact
- SB 1744, Relating to Implementing 2007-2008 General Appropriations Act
- SB 1760, Relating to Implementing 2008-2009 General Appropriations Act
- SB 1776, Relating to Implementing 2008-2009 General Appropriations Act
- SB 1802, Relating to Implementing 2008-2009 General Appropriations Act
- SB 1844, Relating to Implementing 2008-2009 General Appropriations Act
- SB 1870, Relating to Economic Development
- SB 1872, Relating to Economic Development
- SB 1874, Relating to Transportation
- SB 1876, Relating to Transportation
- SB 1882, Relating to Highway Safety
- SB 1884, Relating to Implementing 2008-2009 General Appropriations Act
- SB 1966, Relating to Commercial Development and Capital Improvements
- SB1996, Relating to Public Libraries/Internet Safety Education Program
- SB 2014, Relating to Affordable Senior Housing
- SB 2022, Relating to Homestead Tax Exemption/Disabled Veterans
- SB 2024, Relating to Just Valuation of Real Property
- SB 2040, Relating to Documents Excise Tax
- SB 2050, Relating to Impact Fees
- SB 2084, Relating to Condominiums
- SB 2086, Relating to Condominium Associations
- SB 2142, Relating to Federal Grants TF/Department of Community Affairs
- SB 2148, Relating to Public Construction Works
- SB 2156, Relating to Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund
- HB 7001, Relating to Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for Exempt Entities

- HB 7003, Relating to Homestead Ad Valorem Tax Credit for Deployed Military Personnel
- HB 7005, Relating to Taxpayers' Bill of Rights
- SB 7058, Relating to Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund
- SB 7064, Relating to Special Appropriations
- SB 7070, Relating to Special Appropriations
- SB 7072, Relating to Special Appropriations
- SB 7074, Relating to Special Appropriations

Other Issues of Interest to Miami Beach

Taxation Budget Reform Commission

The following are member proposals of interest to the City and their status as of 2/22/08:

Proposal #	Subject	Committee of Reference	Action
CP0002	A resolution proposing the creation of new sections of the state constitution to mandate the repeal of exemptions and exclusions from sales tax and to sue those new sources of revenue to replace revenues from ad valorem taxation to fund education	Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee, Finance & Taxation Committee	Reported Favorably as amended out of Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee, Temporarily postponed by the Finance & Tax Committee
CP0004	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State constitution, to limit certain increases in the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes and to provide an effective date if such amendment is adopted.	Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee, Finance & Taxation Committee, Style & Drafting Committee	Reported favorably out of the Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee and the Finance and Taxation Committee with a technical amendment. Favorable as amended by Taxation & Budget Reform Commission, now in Style & Drafting Committee
CP005	An act relating to the assessment of residential property; creating s. 193.624, F.S.; prohibiting an increase in the assessed value of residential property solely as the result of installing and operating a renewable energy source device or improving the property's resistance to wind	Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee, Finance & Taxation Committee, Style & Drafting Committee	Reported favorably out of the Governmental Procedures Committee and the Finance & Taxation Committee. Favorable by Taxation & Budget Reform Commission, now in Style & Drafting

	damage; providing a contingent effective date		Committee
CP006	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for the assessment of land used for commercial fishing and other water related purposes.	Finance & Tax Committee	Reported Favorably out of the Finance and Taxation Committee
CP008	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for the assessment of working waterfront properties based upon current use, rather than highest and best use.	Finance & Tax Committee	Reported Favorably out of the Finance & Taxation Committee
CP0012	A resolution proposing the creation of a new section in Article VII of the State Constitution to provide for a review of services not subject to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions and the imposition of a tax on services not exempted.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee	Failed at the Finance & Taxation Committee
SR0013	An act relating to just valuation of property for ad valorem taxation; amending s. 193.011, F.S.; expanding the factors that a property appraiser must consider in deriving just valuation; requiring consideration of the legally permissible use of property; requiring the consideration of zoning changes, concurrency requirements, and permits necessary to achieve the highest and best use of property; requiring consideration of external obsolescence of property; requiring consideration of physical deterioration and functional obsolescence of property; providing an effective	Finance & Taxation Committee	Reported Favorably out of the Finance & Taxation Committee

	date.		
CP0014	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to permit homestead property owners to transfer a portion of their Save-Our-Homes benefits to a new homestead.	Finance & Taxation Committee	
CP0015	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of the Article VII of the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by law for an ad valorem tax exemption for real property used for conservation purposes as defined by general law.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	Reported favorably out of the Finance and Taxation Committee and the Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee. Favorable by Taxation & Budget Reform Commission, now in Style & Drafting Committee.
CP0016	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII of the State Constitution providing for the classification of land used for conservation purposes and assessment of that land solely on the basis of character of use.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	Reported favorably out of the Finance and Taxation Committee and the Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee. Temporarily postponed by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission.
SR0017	An act relating to the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; amending s. 212.02, F.S.; revising definitions; providing applicability; ...	Finance & Taxation Committee, Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	Reported Favorably out of the Finance & Taxation Committee and the Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee
CP0018	A resolution proposing the creation of a new section in Article VII of the State Constitution to require the Legislature to amend the laws of this state to permit entry into an agreement with other states to simplify the process by which remote sellers may calculate and remit sales and use taxes to the state.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	Reported Favorably out of the Finance & Taxation Committee and the Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee
CP0021	A resolution proposing amendments to Sections 3, 4,	Finance & Taxation Committee,	

	and 6 and the creation of Section 19 of Article VII and the creation of Section 27 of Article XII of the State Constitution, to provide an exemption for tangible personal property, to provide an exemption for nonhomestead improved residential property, to provide an additional homestead exemption, to limit annual assessment increases for nonhomestead real property, to provide for an increase in the sales tax rate, and to provide an effective date if such amendments are adopted.	Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	
CP0022	A resolution proposing the creation of Section 28 of Article X and a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to create the State Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Affordable Housing Trust Fund and provide for the deposit and appropriation of funds related to the trust funds.	Planning & Budgetary Processes Committee, Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	Reported favorably out of the Planning & Budgetary Processes Committee
CP0023	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for a property tax exemption on residential property owned by non-resident property owners.	Finance & Taxation Committee	Temporarily Postponed by the Finance & Taxation Committee
CP0030	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution to make the class size limitations applicable to school averages and to create limited flexibility in the number of students assigned to each teacher.	Governmental Services Committee, Planning & Budgetary Processes Committee	
CP0031	A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VII and the creation of a	Finance & Tax Committee	

	new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to establish a uniform state-wide ad valorem tax millage limit for water management purposes.		
CP0033	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the State Constitution to exempt from taxation property owned by a municipality and used exclusively for governmental purposes and to authorize all property owned by a municipality not otherwise exempt from taxation or by a special district and used or leased and operated for certain purposes to be exempted from taxation as provided by general law.	Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee, Finance and Tax Committee	
CP0034	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for the assessment of working waterfront properties based upon current use, rather than highest and best use.	Finance and Tax Committee	Reported Favorably out of the Finance & Taxation Committee
CP0035	A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VII of the State Constitution to require the Legislature to authorize local option taxes to supplement funding for public community colleges.	Governmental Services Committee, Finance and Taxation Committee	
CP0036	An act relating to transportation funding; amending s. 206.021, F.S.; making conforming changes relating to the renaming of local option fuel taxes as local fuel taxes; amending s. 206.23, F.S.; ...	Governmental Services Committee, Finance and Taxation Committee	
CP0040	A resolution proposing the creation of Section 27 of Article	Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee,	

	I of the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to fund private or religious providers of public services, such as health care and education, and to authorize the public to choose among such service providers as permitted by law.	Planning and Budgetary Processes Committee	
CP0041	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 and the creation of a new Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution to specify limits on state and local revenues based on inflation and population changes.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Planning & Budgetary Processes Committee	Temporarily Postponed by the Finance and Taxation Committee
CP0042	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 25 of Article I and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for a taxpayers full and fair opportunity to challenge the assessment of property for ad valorem taxation.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	Reported Favorably as Amended out of the Finance & Taxation Committee
CP0043	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 25 of Article I of the State Constitution to provide for the burden of proof for valuation of real property.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee	Temporarily Postponed by the Finance & Taxation Committee
CP0045	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VII and the creation of a new Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution to limit the growth of government spending.	Finance & Taxation Committee, Planning & Budgetary Processes Committee	Reported Favorably out of the Finance & Taxation Committee
CP0046	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 18 of Article VII of the State Constitution to provide a definition of an unfunded mandate, to provide a single subject requirement for unfunded mandate legislation, ...	Governmental Procedures & Structure Committee, Planning & Budgetary Processes Committee	
CP0047	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article III of the State	Planning & Budgetary Processes Committee, Governmental Procedures	

	Constitution to permit the Governor to reduce any item of appropriations in a bill presented to the Governor for approval and to authorize the Legislature to restore the appropriations upon a supermajority vote of each house of the Legislature.	& Structure Committee	
CP0049	An act relating to local governments; requiring certain constitutional officers, boards, or other taxing authorities to submit a specified budget to the county commission prior to the commission's budget meetings; providing an effective date.	Finance and Taxation Committee	
CP0050	A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9 and the creation of Section 19 of Article VII of the State Constitution to limit the ability of the Legislature to require school districts to levy an ad valorem tax as a condition for eligibility for state revenues, to require the replacement of required local effort, and to reduce the maximum millage rate for ad valorem taxation for school purposes.	Finance and Taxation Committee	

Calendar

March 4

Opening Day of the 2008 Regular Session